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The Honorable Thomas Daschle  
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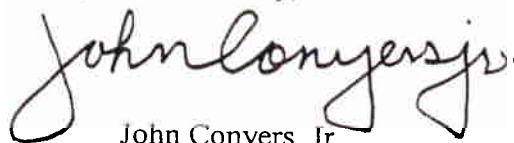
Dear Senator Daschle:

It has come to my attention that SBC and the Bell monopolies have requested letters to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from U.S. Senators seeking relief of competition regulations put in place by the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

I want to bring to your attention that in my state of Michigan, telecommunications competition will save consumers an estimated \$26 million this year. Thus, the effect of directing the FCC to roll back the law could be to create an effective surcharge on my constituents of \$26 million.

Given your strong leadership in fighting for fairness for all families, especially middle and low-income families, it is my hope that you will do everything in your power to discourage members from signing any special interest petition to the FCC that could result in higher consumer prices.

Sincerely,



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